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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This preliminary amendment is filed in response to the Notice Of Omitted Items dated September 10, 2001.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Under the section entitled Brief Description Of The Drawings, please amend paragraph numbers 17-23 as follows:

[017] Figs. 6-8 illustrate client form display screens used in one embodiment of the present invention.

[018] Figs. 9-10 illustrate matter form display screens used in one embodiment of the present invention.

[019] Fig. 11 illustrates a conflict notification display screen used in one embodiment of the present invention.

[020] Fig. 12 illustrates a potential client inquiry display screen used in one embodiment of the present invention and having an unchecked conflict box.

[021] Fig. 13 illustrates a potential client inquiry display screen used in one embodiment of the present invention and having a checked conflict box.

[022] Fig. 14 illustrates a comment display screen used in one embodiment of the present invention.

[023] Fig. 15 illustrates a status page display screen used in one embodiment of the present invention.

A marked up version of the changes to the specification is attached.

REMARKS

A notice of omitted items was mailed to the applicant on September 10, 2001. Applicant hereby accepts the application as deposited in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 3, 2001, and has amended the specification (specifically paragraph numbers 17-23 to cancel all references to omitted drawings). Applicant has submitted the aforementioned amendments prior to the First Office action as instructed to avoid delays in the prosecution of the application.

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In the Specification:

- [017] Figs. 6-[10] 8 illustrate client form display screens used in one embodiment of the present invention.
- [018] Figs. [11-13] 9-10 illustrate matter form display screens used in one embodiment of the present invention.
- [019] Fig. [14] 11 illustrates a conflict notification display screen used in one embodiment of the present invention.
- [020] Fig. [15] 12 illustrates a potential client inquiry display screen used in one embodiment of the present invention and having an unchecked conflict box.
- [021] Fig. [16] 13 illustrates a potential client inquiry display screen used in one embodiment of the present invention and having a checked conflict box.
- [022] Fig. [17] 14 illustrates a comment display screen used in one embodiment of the present invention.
- [023] Fig. [18] 15 illustrates a status page display screen used in one embodiment of the present invention.